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**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Previously presented) A modular security, monitoring, and control device comprising:

a core module and an input/output module in electrical communication with one another;

a first peripheral being removably connected to said core module so that said core module and said first peripheral are in electrical communication;

a first end cap being removably connected to said first peripheral; and

a tamper monitor that detects tampering with said first peripheral.

Claim 2. (Original) The modular security, monitoring, and control device as in claim 1, wherein said tamper monitor detects tampering with said first end cap.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) A modular security, monitoring, and control device comprising:

a core module and an input/output module in electrical communication with one another;

a first peripheral being removably connected to said core module so that said core module and said first peripheral are in electrical communication;

a first end cap being removably connected to said first peripheral;

a tamper monitor that detects tampering with said first peripheral; and

a second peripheral being removably connected between said first peripheral and said first end cap so that said second peripheral is in electrical communication with said core module through said first peripheral.

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Claim 4. (Original) The modular security, monitoring, and control device as in claim 3, wherein said tamper monitor detects tampering with said second peripheral.

Claim 5. (Original) The modular security, monitoring, and control device as in claim 3, wherein said first and second peripherals each has a function selected from the group consisting of access control, temperature detection, smoke detection, intrusion entry alarms, lighting control, video surveillance, intercom communications, motion detection, asset resource tracking, inventory control, biometrics, closed circuit television, expense control tracking, personnel tracking, guard tour, product vending, HVAC monitoring, time/ attendance monitoring, chemical agent sensing, biological agent sensing, optical sensors, and any combinations thereof.

Claim 6. (Original) The modular security, monitoring, and control device as in claim 1, further comprising a second end cap removably connected to said core module.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) ~~The modular security, monitoring, and control device as in claim 6, further comprising~~ A modular security, monitoring, and control device comprising:

a core module and an input/output module in electrical communication with one another;

a first peripheral being removably connected to said core module so that said core module and said first peripheral are in electrical communication;

a first end cap being removably connected to said first peripheral;

a tamper monitor that detects tampering with said first peripheral;

a second end cap removably connected to said core module; and

a second peripheral being removably connected between said core module and said second end cap, said second peripheral being in electrical communication with said core module.

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Claim 8. (Previously presented) A modular security, monitoring, and control device comprising:

a core module and an input/output module in electrical communication with one another;

a first peripheral being removably connected to said core module so that said core module and said first peripheral are in electrical communication;

a first end cap being removably connected to said first peripheral; and

a tamper monitor that detects tampering with said first peripheral, wherein said core module includes a third party expansion port for placing said core module in electrical communication with a third party peripheral.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The modular security, monitoring, and control device as in claim 1, wherein said core module and said input/output module are configured to communicate with a plurality of peripherals having ~~similar and/or dissimilar~~ a plurality of different data types.

Claims 10-23. (Cancelled)